

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) At-Large Board of Control Appointment

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

702 KAR 7:065

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the recommended appointment from the Commissioner of Education of an at-large member to the KHSAA Board of Control?

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** In July 1993, the KBE appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Control. The addition of outside members with possible financial expertise was felt to be a way of broadening the expertise of the Board relative to governance issues.

The Constitution of the KHSAA, Article IV, Section 2 was amended to read as follows:

“Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.”

It further notes that:

“Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.”

Current at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

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| • Mr. Gene Norris           | 2009 - 2013 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2013 |
| • Ms. Lea Wise Prewitt      | 2006 – 2010 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2010 |
| • *Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser | 2007 – 2011 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2011 |
| • Mr. William Beasley       | 2008 – 2012 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2012 |

\* Currently serving their second term.

### **Policy Issues and Options:**

Ms. Lea Wise Prewitt's term ends June 30, 2010. She represents the required female appointment designated in the KHSAA constitution and is eligible for reappointment. The board is required to select a candidate to serve the upcoming term of the position she is currently holding.

### **Staff Recommendation and Rationale:**

The process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position yielded four (4) potential applicants. Three of these applicants submitted the required paperwork for consideration. As specified in the KBE approved process, the KHSAA KDE Liaison to KHSAA reviewed all applications to determine if the minimum criteria were met. All applications were submitted to the Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Education.

Pursuant to requirements of the KHSAA constitution, the Commissioner has recommended an individual for appointment to the Board via memorandum under separate cover from the Agenda Book. The recommended appointee will be announced at the June KBE meeting and final approval takes a vote by the state board.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Strong extracurricular programs, such as athletic programs, are often critical ways to keep some students in school. Appointments such as these are necessary to maintain the effective governance of such programs.

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### **Date:**

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